

DEERS' HORNS IMBEDDED IN SOLID TREES.

G. W. Crouch, Superintendent of City Schools, writes from Holland City, Mich., to the Detroit Free Press: "A CURIOUS RELIC.—The Marquette Mining Journal says in the show-window of T. Mead, the poet and noted dealer in mineralogical specimens, is a pair of deer-horns which have the appearance of having grown from the side of a tree. They were found on the Menominee river, by J. N. Armstrong, an explorer, sometime since. When found, they were imbedded in a soft-maple tree, near a branch about eighteen feet from the ground, and a piece of the tree with the horns in was cut and brought in. It is supposed the horns were hung over a sapling-branch years ago, and in its growth the tree has formed around the base of the horns."

We have a similar "relic" found by James Ryder, Esq., while grading the Chicago and Michigan Lake Shore railroad bed just north of this place. It was a beech tree in this case, and the horns were about 12 feet from the ground. While the tree was growing around these horns the right horn was lopped, it is supposed, by a falling limb. But they had become so imbedded that it hung and evidently became as solidly incased as the other.

What is the most curious about our "relic" is, while the tree was growing around the horns and over the connecting piece of skull, it assumed the shape of the top of a deer's head. The tree shows an age of about 45 years. This must result from hanging deer's horns over small limbs of saplings, after the horns have been cleft from the head. And I am informed by a noted Pottawatomie that this was a common practice among the Indians. Our "relic" is to be placed in the museum of Albion College or the University at Ann Arbor. In 1867, a Mr. John Thomas, of Calumet, Ind., was cutting saw-logs, and, attempting to cut the butt off an oak (white) about three feet through, he struck something which defied the saw. The saw was set again higher up, and the butt pieces split off, when, to the great surprise of Mr. Thomas, he found an elk's horn about 3 1/2 feet long, which indicated a singular Indian habit. This oak was estimated at about ninety-seven years' growth. I saw this at the time, but am sorry to say, cannot tell what became of it. The elk's horn seemed to have been hung over a little limb, which died, but left traces of itself in the solid side of the oak. The horn lay parallel and just outside the heart of the tree. Who will beat this bit of history? G. W. CROUCH.

TRAVELING IN FARMING.

Did any of your readers ever think of the amount of travel it takes to raise a crop of corn? I never saw an illustration in print, and thought I would give you one. I have a twenty-acre field, forty by eighty-rods. To break this up would take 165 miles; harrowing it, about 49 miles; furrowing out, 90 miles; planting, 45 miles, if with a planter; and if dropped and then covered, 90 miles; and for each plowing of two furrows in a row, 90 miles, or five plowings, 450 miles. Thus, you will see, it takes about 800 or 900 miles of travel to raise twenty acres of corn, not counting going to and returning from the field. Besides there is replanting, thinning, rolling, etc.—Exchange.

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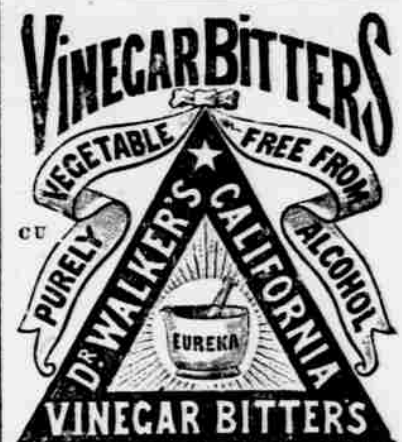
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